Kevin Costner in "JFK," the favorite of Egyptian film critics.

Controversial films top Egypt critics awards

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CAIRO, Egypt — Oliver Stone's "JFK" (Warner Bros.) was awarded the best film of the year prize recently by the Egyptian Association of Film Critics at its annual awards ceremony for best films screened in 1992.

Atef el Tayeb's "Nagui el Aly," co-produced by cinema magazine FAN and starring Nour el Cherif, was awarded the prize for best Egyptian film of the year.

"Nagui el Aly," which opened Cairo's 15th International Film Festival in 1991, faced controversy for it hero's personality — a Palestinian cartonist who was assassinated in London in the late 1970s.

Through his cartoons, el Aly attacked Anwar Sadat's intitiative and the Camp David accords signed in 1977.